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SUBJ: CHINA AND THE INDONESIAN "BOMB"

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A-182, 9/10/65

1. GOI CONTACTS WHOM WE HAVE INFORMALLY QUERIED ABOUT SUKARNO'S ATOMIC BOMB PROJECT RECALL IT AS PRIMARILY PROPAGANDA GIMMICK. THEY INDICATE THAT IF THERE WAS SECRET PRC SUPPORT FOR PROJECT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN KNOWN ONLY WITHIN VERY SMALL CIRCLE.

2. EMBASSY RECORDS INDICATE THAT IN EARLY 1960'S U.S. PROVIDED SUPPORT TO SMALL GOI PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPING PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS OF ATOMIC ENERGY. DR. G. SIWABESSY (NOW SHUARTO'S MINISTER OF HEALTH), WHO WAS THEN AND REMAINS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY BOARD, HAS ALWAYS BEEN DEEPLY INTERESTED IN MEDICAL/RADIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS OF ATOMIC ENERGY. WHEN U.S. WITHDREW SUPPORT FROM PROGRAM IN LATE SUKARNO ERA, SIWABESSY REPORTEDLY WAS UPSET AND SAID HE WOULD

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"COOPERATE WITH THE DEVIL," IF NECESSARY, TO KEEP PRO-

GRAM GOING, AND INSTRUCTED SCIENTISTS VISITING CHINA TO ACT ACCORDINGLY. HOWEVER, WHEN SUKARNO ANNOUNCED IN 1965 THAT INDONESIA PLANNED TO PRODUCE AN ATOMIC BOMB, SIWABESSY WAS REPORTEDLY DISTRESSED AND TOLD SUKARNO THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE. SUKARNO REPORTEDLY SAID "YOU MUST TRY HARDER."

3. MORE ON THIS SUBJECT MAY BE AVAILABLE IN JAKARTA'S AIRGRAM A-182 DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 1965, ENTITLED "SUKARNO ON INDONESIA'S ATOMIC BOMB," WHICH IS NO LONGER IN EMBASSY'S FILES. ACTION DEPT: PLEASE POUCH COPIES AIRGRAM TO HONG KONG AND JAKARTA.  
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